

# News Items for 2015 - May

---

## MSU to be closed Memorial Day

Created: 5/19/2015 2:30:00 PM

Created By: Andrew Blanton



In observance of the Memorial Day holiday, Morehead State University will be closed Monday, May 25. There will be no classes or office hours and mail will not be delivered.

Offices will reopen at 8 a.m. on Tuesday, May 26.

---

## MSPR to host CAB meeting

Created: 4/29/2015 6:14:00 PM

Created By: Andrew Blanton



The Community Advisory Board for [Morehead State Public Radio](#) will conduct its quarterly meeting on Wednesday, May 13, at 6 p.m.

The meeting will be held in the MSPR studios, located in Breckinridge Hall on the Morehead State University campus. Meetings of the board are open to the public.

Morehead State Public Radio broadcasts 24-hours a day from the MSU campus. WMKY (90.3 FM) serves as the flagship station for the network. MSPR serves more than 20 counties in Kentucky, Ohio and West Virginia.

Additional information is available on MSPR's website at [www.wmky.org](http://www.wmky.org) or from Paul Hitchcock, general manager, at [wmky@moreheadstate.edu](mailto:wmky@moreheadstate.edu) or by phone at 606-783-2001.

---

## **‘The Video Vault, The Kentucky Edition’ to air on KETKY**

Created: 4/30/2015 8:09:00 PM

Created By: Andrew Blanton



Morehead State University's Jeffrey Hill, professor of mass communication, will have his series "The Video Vault, The Kentucky Edition" play on KETKY in June.

The series, consisting of eight shows, broadcasts a classic Hollywood film with a Kentucky connection. Hill discusses the importance of the film, historically, as well as its Kentucky tie-in. Dr. Mark A. Graves, associate professor of English, along with Hill wrote the scripts.

The series will begin Sunday, June 7 at 8 p.m. KETKY reaches 1.6 million households in the commonwealth.

The project was partially funded by a grant from the Kentucky Humanities Council, National Endowment for the Humanities, a MSU Research and Sponsored Program cash match along with a Department of Communication, Media and Leadership Studies equipment in-kind match.

Additional information is available by calling Hill at 606-783-9383, emailing [j.hill@moreheadstate.edu](mailto:j.hill@moreheadstate.edu) or visiting [www.ket.org/series/KVVKY/](http://www.ket.org/series/KVVKY/).

---

## Audible alert system test Monday

Created: 5/1/2015 7:06:00 PM

Created By: Andrew Blanton



Morehead State University will conduct the monthly test of its audible alert system on Monday, May 4, beginning at 12:30 p.m.

The system consists of three speakers that use an alert tone as well as voice messages to warn the campus during an emergency.

The high powered amplifiers, located on Ginger and Cartmell halls along with Jayne Stadium, are designed primarily to alert pedestrians on campus sidewalks and streets.

Faculty, staff and students also can be notified by signing up for Eagle Alerts (e2Campus).

Additional information on MSU's emergency procedures can be found on the MSU website at [www.moreheadstate.edu/emergency/](http://www.moreheadstate.edu/emergency/).

---

# Gasser, Campbell to be student speakers at Spring Commencement

Created: 5/4/2015 6:58:00 PM

Created By: Andrew Blanton



Morehead State University will hold its 2015 Spring Commencement ceremonies on Saturday, May 9, at the Academic-Athletic Center.

**LIVE STREAM**  [WATCH THE 10 A.M. CEREMONY](#)  
[WATCH THE 2 P.M. CEREMONY](#)

During the two programs, President Wayne D. Andrews will confer degrees on nearly 1,100 graduate and undergraduate students.

The first commencement program will start at 10 a.m. Candidates from the College of Business and Public Affairs and College of Science and Technology will participate.

Taylor Lee Gasser of Lexington will be the morning student speaker. She is the oldest of three children and the daughter of Dawn and Scott Gasser.

She is a candidate for a Bachelor of Science degree in veterinary science as well as a Bachelor of Arts degree in Spanish.

Gasser attended Madison Central High School where she was valedictorian, a member of National Honor Society and on the High Honor Roll.

Upon her arrival at Morehead State University, she was awarded a full academic scholarship through the George M. Luckey, Jr. **Academic Honors Program**. During her time at MSU, she has retained a cumulative GPA of **4.0**, been named **Outstanding Student of Veterinary Science** two consecutive years, was the recipient of the **Molly McBride Tutoring Excellence Awards** and has made the dean's list every semester.

**Currently, Gasser works as a veterinary technician at Eagles Landing Pet Hospital and as a veterinary assistant at Bluegrass Veterinary Specialists plus Animal Emergency. During her time at MSU she tutored more than 200 individual students while working for the Tutoring and Learning Center.**

**After graduation, she will attend the Royal Veterinary College in London, England, to become a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine. Upon completion of Veterinary School, she plans to continue her work with animals as an international relief veterinarian or in an aquatic mammal/marine position. ?**

**Phillip M. Simms of Franklin Lakes, N.J, will receive a Bachelor of University Studies degree and be presented with an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree. He will speak to both groups of graduates.**

**Simms may be the best known Eagle athletic alumnus.**

**A four-year letterman, Simms was the Ohio Valley Conference's (OVC) Offensive Player of the Year in 1977, and finished his MSU career with 5,545 passing yards and 32 touchdowns.**

**After his playing days at Morehead State, he was the Giants' first selection (seventh overall) in the 1979 NFL Draft.**

**Simms enjoyed a 15-year NFL career and when retired held 19 team records.**

**As an All-Pro quarterback, he led the New York Giants to two Super Bowl titles. He completed 22 of 25 passes in Super Bowl XXI, defeating the Denver Broncos, 39-20, to give the Giants their first Super Bowl title and earning him MVP honors.**

**Simms was inducted into the Morehead State Athletic Hall of Fame in October 1995 and Kentucky Pro Football Hall of Fame in 2011. His numbers are retired by both the Giants (#11) and MSU (#12).**

**Simms joined CBS Sports in January 1998 as lead analyst for the CBS Television Network's coverage of the NFL. He and his wife, Diana, live in Franklin Lakes, N.J. They have three children, Christopher, Matthew and Deirdre.**

**The second program will begin at 2 p.m. with students in the Caudill College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences and College of Education participating.**

**Brittany Gail Campbell of Salyersville will be the afternoon student speaker. She is the only child of Larry and Wilma Adams and wife of Weston Campbell.**

**She is a candidate for a Bachelor of Arts degree in middle grades education with component areas in English and social studies.**

**A graduate of Magoffin County High School, Campbell was a member of the BETA club, HOSA club, selected as a Who's Who Among American High School students, Gifted and Talented member, Drama Club member and was on the High Honor Roll.**

**After transferring from Big Sandy Community and Technical College, where she was a member of the Honors Program, to Morehead State University, she was awarded the KCTCS Transfer Scholarship.**

**During her time at BSCTC and MSU, Campbell has maintained a cumulative GPA of 4.0, been a member of the Teacher Education Program, named as a Who's Who Among American Colleges and Universities, a member of Phi Kappa Phi, and has made the dean's list every semester.**

**After graduation, she plans to teach within the middle grades range in Eastern Kentucky. Upon employment, Campbell will pursue graduate studies while teaching and working within the P-12 school setting.**

**For the commencement exercises, the grand marshal and mace bearer will be Dr. Stacy Baker, professor of music tuba/euphonium, who received the 2014 Distinguished Teacher Award.**

**Faculty marshals will be Dr. Frances L. Helphinstine, professor of English, Dr. Dora Ahmadi, chair of the Department of Mathematics, Computer Science and Physics, and Dr. Martha Decker, associate professor of education.**

**Student marshals will be Maria Blevins and Ashley Morris, Graduate Programs; Karina Manz and Travis Miller, College of Science and Technology; Kyle Smith and Holly Wells, College of Business and Public Affairs; Jennifer Caudill and Sarah Eades, College of Education; Grant Bridges and Haley Clay, Caudill College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences.**

**MSU Chamber Singers will sing the national anthem; MSU Concert Choir will lead the alma mater and will perform during the commencement program.**

**Following the ceremony, the newest alumni will be inducted into the MSU Alumni Association Inc. by its president, Eric Howard, a 1981 graduate.**

**ROTC students will be commissioned as part of each program.**

**Additional information on Spring Commencement exercises is available by calling 606-783-2008.**

---



## MSU police offer campus safety tips

Created: 5/1/2015 5:30:00 PM

Created By: Andrew Blanton



With the semester winding down, [Morehead State University's Police Department](#) offers this advice to the campus community: Be aware of your surroundings and take the necessary precautions to avoid loss of your belongings.

"It is not uncommon to see an increase in crime at this time of year," said MSU Police Chief Merrell J. Harrison. "On the campus, everyone is busy with the end of the year activities and fail to adhere to the safety rules that they usually follow."

Purses, wallets, cell phones, iPods and textbooks are among the items that are reported missing most often.

Students, as well as faculty and staff, are urged to take all necessary measures to secure and protect personal belongings in residence halls, offices and vehicles, in addition to office equipment and other vulnerable items.

According to MSUPD, always be on the lookout for suspicious activity.

"We want to remind you to take the extra time to secure items in the trunk or under the seat before leaving your automobile," Chief Harrison said. "The threat of a break-in is reduced if your belongings are not visible. Remember to lock your vehicle before leaving it in the parking area."

University police remind students to also practice safety in the residence halls:

- Make sure your door is locked when leaving your room, even if you are only going next door. It takes less than 10 seconds for a thief to enter an open room and steal property.
- Do not leave messages on phones or computer accounts, indicating how long you will be away or when you expect to return.
- Follow the safety in numbers rule when going out at night and arrange to go with friends/roommates. It is a good practice to scan your surroundings whether walking on campus, traveling by automobile or

**enjoying a shopping excursion.**

- **Do not leave valuables or property (purses, backpacks, books, personal identification, etc.) visible in or around the office or living area.**
- **Keep emergency numbers by the phone. Call 911 to report any suspicious person or activity.**
- **Take the time to be aware of your surroundings and any unusual activity.**

**MSUPD also will be conducting traffic checkpoints at various locations throughout the spring and summer.**

**Additional information is available by calling the MSU Police Department at 606-783-2035.**

---

## **Ernst named interim associate vice president for academic affairs and student success**

**Created: 5/4/2015 2:04:00 PM**

**Created By: Andrew Blanton**



**Morehead State University is pleased to announce that Dr. John Ernst has been named interim associate vice president for academic affairs/student success, effective July 1. Dr. Ernst has served as executive assistant to the president since June 2012.**

**“Dr. Ernst is uniquely qualified to serve as our interim AVPAA/Student Success. As the executive assistant to President Andrews, Dr. Ernst has worked successfully on many high priority institutional initiatives including the ASPIRE Strategic Plan, Governor’s Scholars Program, President’s Leadership Academy, and the President’s Performing Arts and Speaker Series,” said Dr. Steven M. Ralston, MSU’s chief academic officer/provost.**

**“Dr. Ernst regularly collaborates with offices across campus to help students resolve issues in all facets of university life. This year Dr. Ernst has been a leader of the Core Retention Advisory Team, a broad-based coalition of Morehead State faculty and staff utilizing the MAP-Works system to address student retention.”**

**In his new position, Dr. Ernst will lead and collaborate with multiple on-and off-campus stakeholders to enhance student recruitment, retention, graduation and post graduation achievement.**

**He will take charge of the creation and oversight of a comprehensive and integrated program that ensures student success. Dr. Ernst will report directly to the provost.**

**He also served MSU as chair of the Department of History, Philosophy, Religion and Legal Studies and department’s interim chair since March 2008.**

**A Louisville native, Dr. Ernst first came to Morehead State in 1994 as a fixed-term instructor of history after serving three years on the staff of the “Kentucky Encyclopedia” with Dr. John Kleber, a Morehead State historian.**

**He earned his doctoral degree from the University of Kentucky, where he worked with Dr. George C. Herring, the leading Vietnam War scholar in America.**

**Dr. Ernst is an expert on the Vietnam War with two book authorships, including “Forging a Fateful Alliance: Michigan State University and the Vietnam War” and “The War that Never Ends: New Perspectives on the Vietnam War,” co-edited with Dr. David L. Anderson.**

**His love of teaching was recognized in 2001 when he was the recipient of the Master Teacher Award given by the Interfraternity Council, National Pan-Hellenic Conference and National Panhellenic Council, and in 2013 was presented the Student Government Association’s Student Choice Award for Faculty Member of the Year.**

**He and his wife, Joanne, a teacher for the hearing-impaired in Rowan County Schools, have lived in Morehead since 1996, and have two sons and a daughter.**

---

## BOR to hold work session May 7

Created: 5/4/2015 2:32:00 PM

Created By: Andrew Blanton



**EVENT:** Board of Regents Work Session

**DATE:** Thursday, May 7, 2015

**TIME:** 9 a.m.

**SITE:** Riggle Room, Adron Doran University Center

Morehead State University's Board of Regents will its work session Thursday, May 7, at 9 a.m. Prior to the work session, the Audit Committee will meet at 8 a.m.

### Agenda

1. Craft Academy Update
2. 2015-2016 Operating Budget
3. Academic Self-Study
4. Future Meetings/Events

### Spring Commencement – 10 a.m. & 2 p.m., May 9

- Quarterly Meeting – 9 a.m., June 4
- Work Session – 9 a.m., August 27
- Quarterly Meeting – 9 a.m., September 24
- Work Session – 9 a.m., November 5
- Quarterly Meeting – 9 a.m., December 3
- Fall Commencement – 10:30 a.m., December 12

## Small Business Week declared in Morehead, Rowan County

Created: 5/4/2015 3:09:00 PM

Created By: Andrew Blanton



Morehead Mayor Jim Tom Trent and Rowan County Judge-Executive Walter Blevins, has proclaimed May 4-8 Small Business Week in Morehead.

Each presented a declaration to Mark Murphy, director of the [Kentucky Small Business Development Center](http://www.ksbdc.org) at Morehead State University.

The KSBDC has been assisting the Commonwealth's small business community for more than 30 years. With 15 service centers statewide and an experienced and knowledgeable staff, KSBDC provides unparalleled consulting and training services that help existing business owners and potential entrepreneurs succeed. Their services include: one-on-one management consultations, training workshops, market research, loan packaging help, assistance with financial projections and information needed to make informed business decisions.

On Wednesday, May 6, there will be an open house at the new business incubator, Innovation Launchpad at 149 East Main Street from 11a.m. – 1 p.m.

For more information, contact Mark Murphy at 606-783-2895 or email [m.murphy@moreheadstate.edu](mailto:m.murphy@moreheadstate.edu). The website for the Kentucky Small Business Development Center is [www.ksbdc.org](http://www.ksbdc.org).

---

## Murphy named SBDC director

Created: 5/4/2015 2:56:00 PM

Created By: Andrew Blanton



Mark Murphy, general management consultant, has been promoted to the director of the [Kentucky Small Business Development Center](#) at Morehead State University, effective May 1.

He succeeds Mike Morley, who worked with the Kentucky Small Business Development Center for 25 years.

As director of the program, Murphy will be responsible for implementing and directing activities to strengthen the small business community and to contribute to the economic growth of all communities within the assigned geographic service area (25 east Kentucky counties).

Murphy will oversee locations in Ashland, Morehead, Pikeville and Paintsville.

He joined the MSU/SBDC more than five years ago. In that time, Murphy has helped clients obtain more than \$17,500,000 of capital to open 41 new businesses resulting in 201 jobs created or retained.

Murphy has also been presented several KSBDC awards including: Million Dollar Club, Team Player Award, and the 2013 Sutton Landry State Star, the KSBDC's top award. He also is an Accredited Business Planning Advisor.

"The Morehead office he has worked hard to serve clients and build the program.. I have great confidence that Mark and the Morehead State SBDC will continue to thrive," said Becky Naugle, state director for the KSBDC.

Murphy holds a MBA degree from MSU and nearly 23 years of experience in finance, banking and customer relations. He also has been an active entrepreneur by starting and managing two businesses of his own. Through his education and experience, he brings a wealth of real world knowledge to help current or prospective clients achieve their goal of business ownership.

**KSBDC is a network of 15 service centers located throughout Kentucky that help start-up and existing businesses succeed by offering high quality, in-depth and hands-on services.**

**Additional information is available from Murphy at 606-783-2895 or by e-mail to [m.murphy@moreheadstate.edu](mailto:m.murphy@moreheadstate.edu).**

---



## **‘24-Hour Challenge’ slated for May 7**

Created: 5/4/2015 7:27:00 PM

Created By: Rianna Robinson



**Morehead State University alumni and friends have been challenged. Alum Ronald Martin ('72) has pledged \$25,000 if 500 gifts are received on Thursday, May 7. Martin's gift will be used to support the new Alumni Welcome Center.**

**Gifts may be designated to any fund and every gift received that day, whatever the amount, is important and counts toward rising to the challenge.**

**There are many ways to give on May 7 :**

- **Online ( [alumni.moreheadstate.edu/makegift](http://alumni.moreheadstate.edu/makegift) )**
- **Phone (606-783-2033 or 877-690-4483)**
- **On campus (Palmer Development House or Alumni Association)**
- **Regional Eagle Hour Event**

**Locations for the events are:**

**Morehead (Fuzzy Duck, 159 E. Main St., from 7-10 a.m.);**

**Prestonsburg (Pig in a Poke, 341 University Drive, from 12-2 p.m.);**

**Ashland (Fat Patty's, 1442 Winchester Ave., from 6-8 p.m.);**

**Greater Cincinnati Area (Pirate's Cove at Four Seasons Marina, 4609 Kellogg Ave., from 6-8 p.m.);**

**Lexington (Rafferty's at Hamburg, 1865 Alysheba Way, from 6-8 p.m.);**

**Louisville (Gordon Biersch, 400 S 4<sup>th</sup> St, from 6-8 p.m.);**

**Morehead (Buffalo Wild Wings, 250 Newtowne Sq., from 6-8 p.m.).**

**The challenge is open to all alumni and friends; participants do not have to be MSU graduates. Gifts from alumni will count toward the alumni participation rate. The participation rate determines the University's inclusion on U.S. News and World Report's list of top public universities in the south, a list that has included MSU for 11 consecutive years.**

**Additional information is available by contacting the Office of Alumni Relations and Development at 606-783-2033.**

---

## Spring Commencement live online

Created: 5/5/2015 3:20:00 PM

Created By: Andrew Blanton



Family, friends, and supporters unable to attend Morehead State University's Spring Commencement in person will be able to watch the ceremonies live on their computer or most mobile devices.

MSU will stream live video from the 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. ceremonies on Saturday, May 9.

[Click here to watch](#) 10 a.m. ceremony

[Click here to watch](#) 2 p.m. ceremony

For more information about commencement, visit [moreheadstate.edu/graduation](http://moreheadstate.edu/graduation) .

---

## Dr. Rex Chaney selected for OVC Hall of Fame

Created: 5/5/2015 2:47:00 PM

Created By: Andrew Blanton



**Dr. Rex Chaney, who was associated with Morehead State from 1953 until his retirement in 2014, has been selected for the prestigious Ohio Valley Conference Hall of Fame. He will be formally inducted at the annual OVC Honors Brunch on May 29 in downtown Nashville.**

**"The OVC Hall of Fame is undoubtedly better with Coach Chaney as part of it," Director of Athletics Brian Hutchinson said. "He selflessly devoted his entire career to our cause at Morehead State and is deserving of the recognition the conference is placing on him. MSU is proud of our association with him, and we are equally excited that others recognize his importance to our school and league."**

**Chaney served as head men's golf coach at Morehead State from 1976-2014. He was tabbed as the OVC Coach of the Year after MSU captured league championships in 1977, 1981, 1993 and 1999. He also directed the Eagles to six other top-three finishes at the annual conference tournament.**

**In men's golf, Chaney coached 20 All-OVC selections, six All-OVC Tournament honorees, six conference-tournament runners-up, three league-tournament medalists and two OVC Players of the Year. The group includes current Professional Golf Association Tour member Josh Teater.**

**"I am incredibly humbled and honored to be part of this group," Chaney said. "I had a countless number of wonderful experiences at Morehead State. I had opportunities over the years to leave, but always felt like MSU is where I belonged. The relationships I built with our students, student-athletes, coaches and administrators made my career very enjoyable. I can't thank those people enough."**

**Chaney led the Eagles to a 111-56 (.665) record as head baseball coach from 1961-67. The OVC's 1963 Baseball Coach of the Year guided MSU to at least a share of the league's east division crown each year from 1961-64. He also served four seasons as an assistant men's basketball coach.**

**Chaney was inducted into the prestigious Morehead State Athletic Hall of Fame in 2000. The mentor holds bachelor's and master's degrees from Morehead State, in addition to a doctorate from Indiana University. He joined MSU's Health, Physical Education and Recreation faculty in 1961.**

**A native of Perry County, Ky., Chaney is married to the former Sarah Kidwell. He has one daughter (Jennifer), one son (Lee) and two grandchildren (Eric and Olivia).**

**The OVC Hall of Fame was organized in 1977. It was created to honor coaches, administrators, faculty and staff who have been associated with the league for at least five years and provided extensive and outstanding service to the conference.**

**Chaney is joined in this year's Hall of Fame class by former Eastern Kentucky President Dr. Doug Whitlock and former Jacksonville State Associate AD for Sports Medicine Jim Skidmore. The addition of these three puts the membership at 76.**

---

## MSU employees honored for service

Created: 5/8/2015 4:25:00 PM

Created By: Andrew Blanton



Several Morehead State University employees were honored for attaining milestones in their years of service with the University. MSU President Wayne D. Andrews congratulated each employee of the achievement at the annual Employee Appreciation Picnic Wednesday, May 6. Among those participating in the ceremony were, front row from left: Alvin Madden-Grider, 25; Sandi Ruth-Thomas, 20; Theresa Davis, 30; Vivian Cyrus, 20; Linda Casebolt, 25; Taunya Jones, 20; Joe Fraley, 20; and Dr. Andrews. Second row from left: Lora Pace, 25; Patty Little, 20; James Knoll, 20; Craig Dennis, 25; and Robert Royar, 20. Third row from left: Richard Miles, 30; George Eklund, 25; Terry Mays, 30; and Deeno Golding, 20.

---

# Spring Commencement recognizes nearly 1,100 degree candidates

Created: 5/9/2015 4:32:00 PM

Created By: Rianna Robinson



Morehead State University honored more than 1,100 degree candidates at its two spring commencement ceremonies on Saturday, May 9, at the Academic-Athletic Center. (View [photo gallery](#))

There were smiles, cheers and lots of photographs taken as the newest alumni took the ceremonial walk across the stage, signifying the completion of their college degrees. They were greeted by MSU President Wayne D. Andrews who offered a congratulatory handshake to each of those completing graduate and undergraduate degree requirements.

(View [morning ceremony](#))

(View [afternoon ceremony](#))

The College of Business and Public Affairs and College of Science and Technology participated in the first program Saturday morning, while the Caudill College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences and College of Education took part in the afternoon program.

Taylor Lee Gasser of Lexington was the morning student speaker. She is the oldest of three children and the daughter of Dawn and Scott Gasser.



**She is a candidate for a Bachelor of Science degree in veterinary science as well as a Bachelor of Arts degree in Spanish.**

**Gasser attended Madison Central High School where she was valedictorian, a member of National Honor Society and on the High Honor Roll.**

**Upon her arrival at Morehead State University, she was awarded a full academic scholarship through the George M. Luckey, Jr. Academic Honors Program. During her time at MSU, she has retained a cumulative GPA of 4.0, been named Outstanding Student of Veterinary Science two consecutive years, was the recipient of the Molly McBride Tutoring Excellence Awards and has made the dean's list every semester.**

**“I would like to be able to say that I know exactly how my next chapter will be written, but honestly I don’t have the faintest idea, and the reality is I am ok with that. My time at Morehead State University has taught me that we cannot always know our immediate future, but we can use our skills to prepare for it,” Gasser told the crowd.**

**“We have endured finals, clinicals, capstones, presentations, papers, and the heat being on in the library in May. Each of these challenges has prepared us for the new obstacles we will face, and we are ready. Today, our last day, marks our new journey, our new path, and our goodbye to Morehead State. Never forget the friendships we forged, the lessons we learned, and the mistakes we made, because using all of these we will excel in whatever endeavors we chose.”**

**Currently, Gasser works as a veterinary technician at Eagles Landing Pet Hospital and as a veterinary assistant at Bluegrass Veterinary Specialists plus Animal Emergency. During her time at MSU she tutored more than 200 individual students while working for the Tutoring and Learning Center.**

**After graduation, she will attend the Royal Veterinary College in London, England, to become a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine. Upon completion of Veterinary School, she plans to continue her work with animals as an international relief veterinarian or in an aquatic mammal/marine position.**

**Phillip M. Simms of Franklin Lakes, N.J, received a Bachelor of University Studies degree and was presented with an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree. He spoke to both groups of graduates.**

**He may be the best known Eagle athletic alumnus.**

**A four-year letterman, Simms was the Ohio Valley Conference's (OVC) Offensive Player of the Year in 1977, and finished his MSU career with 5,545 passing yards and 32 touchdowns. After his playing days at Morehead State, he was the Giants' first selection (seventh overall) in the 1979 NFL Draft.**

**As an All-Pro quarterback, he led the New York Giants to two Super Bowl titles. He completed 22 of 25 passes in Super Bowl XXI, defeating the Denver Broncos, 39-20, to give the Giants their first Super Bowl title and earning him MVP honors.**

**Simms was inducted into the Morehead State Athletic Hall of Fame in October 1995 and Kentucky Pro Football Hall of Fame in 2011. His numbers are retired by both the Giants (#11) and MSU (#12).**

**“This is a great honor. Morehead State University has a special place in my heart,” said Simms. “As I was driving in the other day, I noticed just how beautiful this area is. This is a place (MSU) that I grew up and I am very proud of that. After being away 36 years, most of my closest friends are the ones I made here at Morehead State. I hope you keep in touch with the friends that you made here and I hope you get to come back and visit the campus.”**

**Brittany Gail Campbell of Salyersville was the afternoon student speaker. She is the only child of Larry and Wilma Adams and wife of Weston Campbell.**



**She is a candidate for a Bachelor of Arts degree in middle grades education with component areas in English and social studies.**

**A graduate of Magoffin County High School, Campbell was a member of the BETA club, HOSA club, selected as a Who's Who Among American High School students, Gifted and Talented member, Drama Club member and was on the High Honor Roll.**

**“Today, as I look at all of the faces of my fellow graduates, I know that we all come from different walks of life and have our own unique story to tell, some of which are filled with adversities far greater than my own. Regardless of our differing majors, beliefs, and philosophies of life, tomorrow we will all have one thing in common- we will be proud Morehead State Alumni,” said Campbell.**

**“As I look into the future, I know that our journeys are far from over. Life is a constant journey of which the turning points, road blocks, and forks are far more pivotal than the actual destination. As we move forward and embark on the next phase of this journey that we call life, let us be honorable representatives of this great institution.”**

**After transferring from Big Sandy Community and Technical College, where she was a member of the Honors Program, to Morehead State University, she was awarded the KCTCS Transfer Scholarship.**

**During her time at BSCTC and MSU, Campbell has maintained a cumulative GPA of 4.0, been a member of the Teacher Education Program, named as a Who's Who Among American Colleges and Universities, a member of Phi Kappa Phi, and has made the dean's list every semester.**

**After graduation, she plans to teach within the middle grades range in Eastern Kentucky. Upon employment, Campbell will pursue graduate studies while teaching and working within the P-12 school setting.**

**For the commencement exercises, the grand marshal and mace bearer was Dr. Stacy Baker, professor of music tuba/euphonium, who received the 2014 Distinguished Teacher Award.**

**Faculty marshals were Dr. Frances L. Helphinstine, professor of English, Dr. Dora Ahmadi, chair of the Department of Mathematics, Computer Science and Physics, and Dr. Martha Decker, associate professor of education.**

**Student marshals were Maria Blevins and Ashley Morris, Graduate Programs; Karina Manz and Travis Miller, College of Science and Technology; Kyle Smith and Holly Wells, College of Business and Public Affairs; Jennifer Caudill and Sarah Eades, College of Education; Grant Bridges and Haley Clay, Caudill College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences.**

**MSU's Chamber Singers sang the national anthem while the Concert Choir performed the alma mater and special music during the commencement programs.**

**Following the ceremony, the newest alumni were inducted into the MSU Alumni Association Inc. by its president, Eric Howard, a 1981 graduate.**

**ROTC students were commissioned as part of each program.**

**Additional information on Spring Commencement exercises is available by calling 606-783-2008.**

---

## Guidelines set for UB Summer Food Services

Created: 5/13/2015 2:37:00 PM

Created By: Andrew Blanton



**Morehead State University's Upward Bound Program will again host the Summer Food Service Program during the 2015 Summer Academy which will run June 1 until July 3.**

**Meals will be provided to all eligible participants free of charge. To be eligible, children must be in households that receive Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits, or benefits under the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR), or Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF).**

**Acceptance and participation requirements for the program and all activities are the same for all regardless of race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability, and there will be no discrimination in the course of the meal service.**

**Meals will be provided in the Alumni Tower Cafeteria on the MSU campus on a schedule: breakfast, 7:15-8:45 a.m.; lunch, 12:30-1:30 p.m.; and supper, 5:15-6:15 p.m.**

**To file a complaint of discrimination, call toll free at 866-632-9992 or write USDA, Director, Office of Adjudication, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, DC 20250-9410.**

**For more information, call Jennifer Cady, MSU program director, at 606-783-2611.**

---

## Build-A-Bed Project distributes 170 beds

Created: 5/8/2015 4:46:00 PM

Created By: Andrew Blanton



The [MSUCorps](#) AmeriCorps program and its partners participated in the fifth annual Morehead Build-A-Bed Project held at the Morehead Peddler's Mall. ( [View photo gallery](#) )

The mission is to provide beds to children who are living in homes with not enough beds or none at all.

A total of 170 beds were built and distributed.

The goal is to give beds to children PK-12, who are forced to sleep on floors, couches, or in beds with multiple other children or family members. This project has provided nearly 545 beds to children in Eastern Kentucky since it began in 2010.

Each child received a brand new bed and mattress along with a bedtime bag containing sheets, pillow, blanket, stuffed animal, book, alarm clock or nightlight and a hygiene kit.

The project accepts applications from Bath, Bourbon, Boyd, Bracken, Breathitt, Carter, Clark, Elliott, Fleming, Floyd, Greenup, Harrison, Johnson, Knott, Lawrence, Lee, Letcher, Lewis, Magoffin, Martin, Mason, Menifee, Montgomery, Morgan, Nicholas, Pike, Powell, Robertson, Rowan, and Wolfe counties.

"This is a very important project that provides a much needed resource to children in our region. We help families who are devastated by house fires, tornados, floods, and families that cannot provide beds for their children due to difficult financial or personal circumstances. The joy we get to see on the faces of the children when they pick up their brand new bed is priceless," said Mary Claire Williams, program director.

"We will never know the true impact this project has on these children, but we know that research shows the importance of a good night's sleep to overall well-being and school performance. We appreciate all of our volunteers, partners, and sponsors. This project would not be possible with the help of communities all over Eastern Kentucky."

MSUCorps partnered with outreach groups including: Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP), Center for Regional Engagement (CRE), Center for Adult Education and College Access (AECA), Gateway Homeless Shelter, Frenchburg Job Corps CCC, Educational Talent Search (ETS) , Rowan YouthBuild and Kentucky AmeriCorps programs.

Details about how to help MSU Build-A-Bed project can be found at the website:  
[www.moreheadstate.edu/buildabed](http://www.moreheadstate.edu/buildabed) .

Additional information is available by contacting Williams at 606-783-2719 or email  
[mc.williams@moreheadstate.edu](mailto:mc.williams@moreheadstate.edu) .

## ‘Rites of Passage’ celebrated

Created: 5/8/2015 5:00:00 PM

Created By: Andrew Blanton



Morehead State University’s Office of Student Activities, Inclusion and Leadership Development sponsored its 30th Semi-Annual Rites of Passage recognition ceremony Friday, May 8, in the Reed Hall auditorium. (View [photo gallery](#))

The purpose of the ceremony is to recognize and celebrate the scholastic achievement of minority and international students. Each student received a certificate and a special Kente stole.

Student performers under the direction of Jorian Johnson provided musical selections.

Keynote speaker for the spring celebration was Natasha L. Davis, an associate professor of dance at MSU.

Spring graduates who participated in the ceremony were:

Yunus Alduhayman, Saudia Arabia; Bent Arington, Baltimore, Maryland; Tiara Barnes, Somerset; Evelyn Baskette, Louisville; LaQuadra Burnett, St. Louis Missouri; Claudia Castle, Aberdeen, Ohio; Sarah Ruth Caudill Rice, Owingsville; Jalen Courtney-Williams, Jackson Mississippi; Angelia Garth, Owingsville; Joshua Grandison, Maysville; Almesha Jones, Cincinnati;

Keymia Herve, Deerfield Beach, Florida; Britteny Hill, Louisville; Erich Hohenstein, Santa Cruz, Bolivia; Tiara Kelly, Louisville; Bridget Key, Louisville; Kirsten Morant, Augusta, Georgia; Adriana Neely, Morehead; Charrick Jerrell Pierce, Chesapeake, Virginia; Jordan Percell, Campbellsville; Kareem Story, Baltimore, Maryland; Emelyn Wells, Salt Lick; Mary Jane Whitfield, Chicago; Jumell Wilson, Valley Stream, New York; Angelo Warner, Orlando, Florida; Jalen Courtney-Williams, Jackson, Mississippi; and Marquez Young, Cincinnati.

MSU Chief Photographer Tim Holbrook shares some of the scenes from “Rites of Passage” in a [photo gallery](#).

Additional information is available by calling Shannon Colvin, student leadership and advocacy coordinator, at 606-783-2886.

## Rose performs for ‘Clinical Practice Final Seminar’

Created: 5/8/2015 6:59:00 PM

Created By: Andrew Blanton



American’s Got Talent finalist Jimmy Rose, a native of Bell County, served as the entertainment as Morehead State University’s College of Education hosted its “Clinical Practice Final Seminar” Friday, May 8 in the Crager Room of the Adron Doran University Center. Soon-to-be graduates heard from several education professionals and went through a mock interview. A number of local school districts were involved in a “Teaching Expo” during the afternoon.

---

## Updated: MSU mourns loss of Craig Mullins

Created: 5/11/2015 4:28:00 PM

Created By: Andrew Blanton



Morehead State University's Craig Mullins, offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach, lost his battle with cancer on Monday. He was 45.

"We are deeply saddened by Craig's passing," said Brian Hutchinson, MSU director of athletics. "Our thoughts and prayers go out to his family and friends. Craig was a terrific person, and we are grateful for the time he spent on Morehead State's football staff. He was liked and respected by everyone."

Mullins is survived by his wife, Heidi, and two sons, Cade and Coy.

"I have lost one of my best friends," said Rob Tenyer, head football coach. "Craig was a great husband, father and coach. He was a humble man with integrity who touched everyone he crossed paths with. The MSU football family sends its thoughts and prayers to Craig's family and friends."

Mullins, who had more than 20 years of coaching experience, joined the Morehead State staff prior to the 2013 season. He previously spent 16 years as the offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach at NAIA member Georgetown (Ky.), where he helped the Tigers to a 155-36 record (.812).

Georgetown claimed two national championships (2000, 2001) and was a four-time national finalist (1999, 2000, 2001, 2002) with Mullins on its staff. He also served as the program's head strength coach and was a professor of kinesiology.

Mullins was named the American Football Coaches Association NAIA Assistant Coach of the Year in 2011 and AFCA NAIA Coordinator of the Year in 1999. He also coached the Mid-South Conference and NAIA Player of the Year from 1999-2001.

Before returning to his alma mater, Mullins served as the offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach at Division II program California (Pa.) from 1993-96. He also spent time as an assistant coach at Ryle High School (Ky.) in 1992 and 1996.

**A four-year letterwinner at Georgetown, Mullins earned three all-conference selections and two Academic All-America awards from 1987-90. He earned a bachelor's degree from Georgetown in 1991, before going on to earn a master's and certification in special education from Cal-Pa.**

**A native of Ft. Thomas, Mullins was inducted into the Northern Kentucky Athletic Directors Hall of Fame in 2004.**

**[\(Visit guest book\)](#)**

**Funeral services will be Thursday, May 14, at the John Hill Chapel on the Georgetown College campus. Visitation will be from noon until 1 p.m. at the chapel. A reception at the conference center (100 Crawford Drive, Georgetown) immediately following the services will be held. Additional services will be held Friday, May 15, at the First Church of Christ (6080 Camp Ernst Rd, Burlington) with visitation from 5-7:30 p.m. and a service following at 7:30 p.m.**

---

## **Power restored, normal office hours for Monday, May 18**

**Created: 5/17/2015 8:27:00 PM**

**Created By: Andrew Blanton**



**The planned work on the Morehead State University campus electric switchgear has been completed. All employees should plan to resume normal office operations in all facilities on Monday, May 18.**

---



## Markwell named 'Distinguished Alumni Award' winner

Created: 5/13/2015 2:26:00 PM

Created By: Andrew Blanton



**Dan Markwell was honored as the recipient of the 2015 Distinguished Alumni Award during Morehead State University's College of Business and Public Affairs Honors Banquet.**

**"I was thrilled when the faculty selected Dan as this year's recipient," said Dr. Bob Albert, dean. "His very impressive career success makes him a most worthy recipient of this recognition. He is truly an outstanding role model for our students."**

**Markwell co-founded Trademark Insurance and Investments in Morehead after graduating from Morehead State University in 1992.**

**Over the years, Trademark has grown and added services to meet the needs of its clients and now offers general lines, commercial lines, life and health, along with an array of investment services. Although the agency serves individual needs, a special emphasis has been created in the area of employee benefits.**

**Markwell is an active commercial real estate investor/developer. He has been able to help Morehead and other communities attract and retain several businesses. Locally completed projects include such properties as Enterprise Rent-A-Car, Fuzzy Duck and CoffeeTree Books, Morehead Cinema Six, Buffalo Wild Wings and Don Señor. His more recent projects include an approximately 20,000 square foot mixed use strip center and a vacated Main Street building that will be reworked to facilitate an opportunity for a startup business to reside with Dan's assistance and support. Markwell is the co-owner of the new Morehead Fazoli's restaurant and the developer of that property.**

**A native of Morgan County and a Morehead resident for more than 20 years, Markwell has a strong interest in the region. He serves or has served on several non-profit and/or community based boards including the Board of Directors for St. Claire Regional Medical Center, past president of the Morehead/Rowan County Chamber of Commerce, the Morehead New City Board as well as the board of The Citizens Bank in Morehead.**

**He also has actively served on MSU's Business School Advisory Board for more than 15 years and has been a consistently strong supporter of the college.**

**Additional information is available by contacting MSU's College of Business and Public Affairs at 606-783-2174 or visit [www.moreheadstate.edu/business](http://www.moreheadstate.edu/business) .**



## Parts of MSU without power May 15-18

Created: 5/13/2015 2:35:00 PM

Created By: Andrew Blanton



Morehead State University will have several buildings without power Friday, May 15, through as late as Monday, May 18, due to a planned power outage necessary to finalize replacement of the west campus electrical switchgear.

Buildings impacted and closed will include Howell McDowell (business office), Adron Doran University Center, Allie Young, Breckinridge, Button, Camden-Carroll Library, Claypool Young, Combs, Fields, Ginger, Lappin, Lloyd Cassity, Mignon Hall, Mignon Tower, Rader, Reed, Grote-Thompson, West Mignon and the President's home.

During the outage, all other facilities on campus and at regional campuses will be open as usual. In addition to the power outage, a planned steam outage also is scheduled for the same timeframe to accommodate steam tunnel repairs and maintenance and installation of fiber optic cabling in the tunnels. Hot water will not be available in any on-campus facilities during the steam outage.

Offices not impacted by the electrical outage will maintain normal operations. Access to all information technology systems will continue to be available.

The [Office of Enrollment Services](#) will be open and may be reached at 606-783-2000 for additional information.

Employees in the impacted buildings are advised to check the [MSU website](#) and/or the [Eagle Alert System](#) on Sunday after 6 p.m. for a status update. In the event the work is completed ahead of schedule and power can be restored over the weekend, normal operations in all facilities will resume on Monday, May 18.

The [MSU Police Department](#) will be available at 606-783-2035 to address campus concerns.

---

## MSU physics professor chosen as Fulbright Scholar

Created: 5/13/2015 2:49:00 PM

Created By: Andrew Blanton



**Morehead State University's Dr. Wilson J. González-Espada, associate professor of physics and science education, has been selected as the recipient of a Fulbright grant.**

**Dr. González-Espada will travel to Uruguay to collaborate on two research projects with faculty members at Catholic University of Uruguay. They will study underclassmen's perspectives on the role of science in society and will work to find ways to encourage more students to study physics.**

**He will spend a semester in Latin America, and said he plans to present his research at meetings of the Kentucky Academy of Science and the Kentucky Association of Physics Teachers upon his return.**

**Dr. González-Espada joined MSU in 2008. He earned a bachelor's degree from University of Puerto Rico at Río Piedras, a master's degree from Inter-American University of Puerto Rico at San Germán and a Ph.D. degree from the University of Georgia.**

**Since it began in 1946, the William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board has awarded grants to more than 360,000 scholars from educational institutions across the globe.**

**For information on MSU's Department of Mathematics, Computer Science and Physics, visit [www.moreheadstate.edu/mcsp/](http://www.moreheadstate.edu/mcsp/) .**

**Additional information is available by calling Dr. González-Espada at 606-783-2927.**

---

## Paintsville SBDC to host ‘Starting a Business’ workshop

Created: 5/13/2015 3:06:00 PM

Created By: Andrew Blanton



Morehead State University’s East Kentucky [Small Business Development Center](#) will host “Starting a Business in Kentucky – What You Need to Know” Thursday, May 28, from 5-7 p.m. at the SBDC office, 224 Main Street, Paintsville

Have you thought about starting your own business? If so, this workshop will walk you through the essentials to starting a business in Kentucky. It also will provide you with different scenarios on business startups and structures.

The workshop is free for all participants; however, seating is limited and advance registration is required.

Training programs, sponsored or co-sponsored by SBDC, are available to all individuals without regard to race, color, sex, creed or national origin. Special arrangements will be made for those with disabilities if requested in advance.

For a list of upcoming events, you may visit the MSU SBDC website at [www.moreheadstate.edu/sbdc](http://www.moreheadstate.edu/sbdc).

Additional information and pre-registration are available by contacting Michelle Spriggs, management consultant, at 606-788-7272 or email [m.spriggs@moreheadstate.edu](mailto:m.spriggs@moreheadstate.edu).

---

## AET students achieve 100 percent pass rate on CTM exam

Created: 5/14/2015 7:37:00 PM

Created By: Andrew Blanton



Morehead State University's [Applied Engineering and Technology](#) Spring 2015 graduating class achieved 100 percent pass rate on the Certified Technology Manager (CTM) exam.

The exam is nationally administered through the Association of Technology, Management and Applied Engineering (ATMAE) to certify graduates of ATMAE accredited programs. MSU's AET Department has been accredited by ATMAE since 1998, with reaccreditation achieved through 2020.

"MSU's Applied Engineering and Technology students take the Certified Technology Manager (CTM) exam prior to graduation in their senior year. The chair of the ATMAE Board of Certification reports that the average national pass rate is 66 percent and MSU's students earned a 100 percent in the spring 2015. We are proud of AET faculty and graduating seniors for their success," said Dr. Ahmad Zargari, AET department chair.

"Congratulations on behalf of the AET advisory board. These results are a direct reflection of the hard work and dedication of the AET Staff and the students' willingness to put in the effort to learn and study," said Steve Defazio, advisory board member. "This level of excellence is what separates MSU from the rest. I am proud of your team and the students who have risen above the bar."

A minimum score of 95 out of 160 in the categories of Leadership, Self-Management, Systems, Processes, Operations, People, Project, Quality, Risk and Safety is currently required to qualify for certification.

CTM is the initial certification status awarded to eligible applicants. Holders may report continuing education activity to qualify for Certified Senior Technology Manager (CSTM) status. ATMAE Certification recognizes expertise in a specific field, a mark of distinction that sets the certification holder apart. ATMAE Certification provides external validation of knowledge and competence in the discipline.

Additional information is available by contacting Jason Stepp, AET laboratories and facilities manager, at 606-783-9409, email [j.stepp@moreheadstate.edu](mailto:j.stepp@moreheadstate.edu), or visit [www.moreheadstate.edu/aet/](http://www.moreheadstate.edu/aet/).

## MSPR will broadcast Kentucky Writers Hall of Fame

Created: 5/19/2015 6:04:00 PM

Created By: Andrew Blanton



[Morehead State Public Radio](#) (WMKY/90.3FM) will present a program showcasing Kentucky writers.

The Kentucky Writers Hall of Fame announced the 2015 Hall of Fame class at an induction ceremony earlier this year at the Carnegie Center in Lexington. This is the third class to be inducted.

MSPR will air a program showcasing the introductions and readings as recorded from that evening. The broadcast will be at 3 p.m. on Sunday, May 24, and at Noon on Memorial Day (May 25).

The 2015 Kentucky Writers Hall of Fame class includes: Wendell Berry, Guy Davenport, Elizabeth Hardwick, Jim Wayne Miller, Effie Waller Smith and Hunter S. Thompson.

The Kentucky Writers Hall of Fame was created to recognize Kentucky writers whose work reflects the character and culture of our commonwealth, and to educate Kentuckians about our state's rich literary heritage. For a writer to have been eligible, he/she must be 1) deceased (excluding one living writer); 2) published; 3) someone whose writing is of enduring stature; and 4) someone connected in a significant way to the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

The ceremony was recorded and produced for broadcast by WUKY.

Morehead State Public Radio broadcasts 24 hours a day from the campus of Morehead State University. WMKY (90.3 FM) serves as the flagship station for the MSPR network, which includes translator (88.3 FM) in Inez. MSPR serves more than 20 counties in Kentucky, Ohio and West Virginia.

Information is available by calling MSPR at 1-800-286-9659 or 606-783-2001; or log on to [www.wmky.org](http://www.wmky.org).

# First Lady, MSU officials to dedicate the Governor's Garden

Created: 5/21/2015 3:35:00 PM

Created By: Andrew Blanton



Kentucky's First Lady Jane Beshear will join Morehead State University officials Wednesday, May 27, for a dedication ceremony for the Governor's Garden on MSU's campus. The ceremony will take place at 10 a.m. at the garden, located beside Reed Hall, on the MSU campus.

The First Lady launched the Governor's Garden program in 2009 in Frankfort to promote awareness about the benefits of locally grown produce and reducing the carbon footprint. There are currently six locations across the Commonwealth. The majority of the produce raised in Governor's Gardens is donated to food banks.

The Governor's Garden program seeks to promote products which are grown and produced in Kentucky by local farmers. The program encourages Kentucky businesses, organizations, schools, and communities to cultivate and maintain their own gardens. The Governor's Garden program further seeks to educate the public about the health and economic benefits of community gardening and utilizing locally grown foods.

Additional information about the dedication ceremony is available by calling the office of [Alumni Relations and Development](#) at 606-783-2033.

---



## Summer Arts Academy runs June 7-13

Created: 5/19/2015 4:47:00 PM

Created By: Andrew Blanton



Morehead State University's [Summer Arts Academy](#) (SAA) will be on campus June 7-13.

This year's Academy will host nearly 70 students from Kentucky, Ohio, West Virginia and Indiana. Open to all incoming freshman through graduating seniors in high school, the Summer Arts Academy is a six-day residence arts camp.

The Academy exists to nurture students' development in the arts in a setting which allows interaction with expert faculty and the opportunity to work with other students who share specific interests in music, theatre, art and design and creative writing. Recreational activities will include an "Art Hop" night, movie night, bowling night and Academy picnic. Other evening activities are scheduled in the SAA participant's medium including performances /presentations by MSU Summer Art Academy faculty.

"We are excited to have the students on campus. What makes the Summer Arts Academy unique from other camps of this type is we initiated an individually centered approach to ensuring the quality of instruction cannot be matched elsewhere. Our students will spend up to six hours a day with SAA faculty who are leaders in their field," said Greg Wing, professor of music (trumpet) and academy director.

The Summer Arts Academy is partially funded through the [Caudill College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences](#) and the [Department of Music, Theatre and Dance](#).

Students will have an opportunity to share in their mediums during the final Celebration Festival on Saturday, June 13, at 1 p.m. This performance is free and open to the public.

---

# MSU takes multidisciplinary approach to address sexual violence

Created: 5/19/2015 6:32:00 PM

Created By: Andrew Blanton



Sexual assaults are always a concern for a college or university. Morehead State University is using a multidisciplinary team approach to battle campus sexual violence.

“The college-age population is more likely to be sexually assaulted. College students are particularly vulnerable with 1 in 5 women sexually assaulted,” said Dr. Shannon Leigh Smith-Stephens, Counseling and Health Services director.

The Department of Justice National Crime Victimization Survey (2008-12) revealed that one American is sexually assaulted every two minutes. Ninety-seven percent of perpetrators never spend a day in jail with only about 40 percent of sexual assaults being reported. Reporting is lower on college campuses, with only 12 percent of student victims reporting the assault, according to a national study by Kilpatrick (2007).

As undergraduates transition into college, new experiences merge with new risks, leading to the need for education and prevention. An increase of prevention, education and community awareness around the issue of sexual violence is crucial.

“Through ongoing collaborative efforts to battle sexual violence, we are beginning to scratch the surface on this crime. It also is important to reiterate that more than half of rapes are never reported to law enforcement, thus treatment for the victim and prosecution for the perpetrator were ignored. Considering the projected number of unreported crimes being more than half of all assaults, a concentrated effort is necessary to increase services and awareness to one of our most vulnerable populations, the college age student,” said Dr. Smith-Stephens.

MSU became the first regional campus in the state with full Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) services in 2010. The University also is the only agency in the service region that guarantees 24/7 forensic exams by a licensed sexual assault nurse examiner (SANE).

“With the collaboration of the MSU community (Counseling and Health Services, Police Department and Pathways Community Mental Health), students are able to receive holistic services including forensic exams and related health care, filing a police report, advocate services, crisis and continued counseling and referrals, all on campus,” said Dr. Smith-Stephens.

The SART worked together with the MSU administration to organize a program that corresponds with Title IX, Campus Save Act endeavors. The University plans to use this structure to aid in increasing awareness and reporting while continuing to provide full-scale sexual assault services to victims in a safe, comfortable environment on campus. The campus population of students, faculty and staff are working

**together to raise awareness and promote reporting of sexual violence when it does occur. Given that victims are also at increased risk of suicide, MSU has integrated aspects of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration/ Garrett Lee Smith (SAMHSA/GLS) Suicide Prevention grant to increase awareness of sexual violence and the support available to victims.**

**“The team continues to work closely with MSU’s Title IX coordinator to promote victims’ rights. Through campaigns to promote advocacy and education against sexual violence, we will work together to decrease the incidence of sexual violence on the campus of MSU, but increase reporting when it does occur,” added Dr. Smith-Stephens.**

**MSU’s mission is to educate students for success in a global environment, engage in scholarship, promote diversity of people and ideas, and serve our communities to improve quality of life.**

**Additional information is available by contacting Dr. Smith-Stephens, at 606-783-2123 or visit [www.moreheadstate.edu/counseling/](http://www.moreheadstate.edu/counseling/).**

---

## Alumni Association to visit the Sportsplex

Created: 5/19/2015 6:08:00 PM

Created By: Andrew Blanton



Morehead State University's [Alumni Association](#) will host an event Saturday, May 30, at the Knott County Sportsplex, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The Sportsplex is located at 450 Kenny Champion Loop in Leburn.

MSU alumni parents, MSU alumni grandparents and children can enjoy a Saturday afternoon of fun, with the MSU Alumni Association.

Children will be able to have their picture taken with Beaker.

Concessions will be available.

For additional information or to RSVP, call 800-783-ALUM or email [events@moreheadstate.edu](mailto:events@moreheadstate.edu).

---

## SBDC to host ‘Women Business Enterprise Certification’ workshop

Created: 5/21/2015 5:44:00 PM

Created By: Andrew Blanton



Morehead State University’s East Kentucky [Small Business Development Center](#) will host a workshop “Women Business Enterprise Certification” Thursday, June 11, from 1–3 p.m. at MSU at Prestonsburg’s Postsecondary Building, room 116, 6 Bert T. Combs Drive.

Participants in the workshop will learn the criteria for WBE certification, the process for application and the benefits and resources available as certified. The Women’s Business Enterprise Certification is accepted nationally by more than 1,000 corporate clients with active supplier diversity programs who are committed to work with WBENC-certified WBEs.

Seminar presenter will be Maudie Moreno, Ohio Valley Women’s Business Council certification manager.

The workshop is free for all participants, however, seating is limited and advance registration is recommended.

Training programs, sponsored or co-sponsored by SBDC, are available to all individuals without regard to race, color, sex, creed or national origin. Special arrangements will be made for those with disabilities if requested in advance.

For a list of upcoming events, you may visit the MSU SBDC website at [www.moreheadstate.edu/sbdc](http://www.moreheadstate.edu/sbdc).

Additional information and pre-registration are available by contacting Michelle Spriggs, management consultant, at 606-788-7272, email at [m.spriggs@moreheadstate.edu](mailto:m.spriggs@moreheadstate.edu) or visit [www.ksbdc.org](http://www.ksbdc.org).

## Mountain Music Ambassadors to host preview performance May 27

Created: 5/22/2015 5:32:00 PM

Created By: Andrew Blanton



Morehead State University's Mountain Music Ambassadors from the [Kentucky Center for Traditional Music](#) will perform a preview of its upcoming overseas trip. The show will be Wednesday, May 27, at 7 p.m. at the Rowan County Arts Center, 205 East Main Street in Morehead.

It is a preview of the China 2015 Tour and will last about 90 minutes.

Raymond McLain, director, plus six MSU students will perform seven times between May 30 and June 8 in Beijing, Tianjin, and the Yellow Mountain area.

The trip is sponsored by several Chinese universities and cultural organizations.

Additional information is available by calling the Kentucky Center for Traditional Music at 606-783-9001.

---

## Castle, Clark named recipients of Thomas Raymond Curtis Memorial Scholarship

Created: 5/26/2015 5:32:00 PM

Created By: Andrew Blanton



Morehead State University has announced that Erin Elizabeth Castle of Paintsville and Katherine Nicole Clark of Flat Gap are the 2015-16 recipients of the Thomas Raymond Curtis Memorial Scholarship.

Both will graduate from Johnson Central High School Saturday, May 30.

Castle is the daughter of Woodrow Allen and Amanda Carol Castle. She has been involved JCHS Honor Choir, Spirit Club and the Kentucky Special Olympics Castle inspires to be an elementary school teacher.

Clark is the daughter of Paul Douglas and Ninette Rae Clark. She plans on becoming an elementary teacher.

Each year, at least one Curtis Scholarship is awarded from the JCHS graduating class. These scholars are awarded \$10,000 annually to be applied toward their studies at Morehead State University.

This scholarship support is possible because of the generosity of Thomas R. Curtis. In 1997, Curtis, an unassuming teacher of 30 years from Flat Gap, decided to do an extraordinary thing. He chose to leave a lasting legacy for the education of Johnson County students. When he passed away, he left the largest bequest in the MSU Foundation's history, \$1.3 million, to fund the Thomas Raymond Curtis Memorial Scholarship.

Students from Johnson Central High School who plan to further their education at Morehead State University are eligible to apply for the award. Preference is given to students from Flat Gap who plan to pursue a degree in education. The award is renewable for three years if academic eligibility requirements are maintained.

Additional information may be obtained by contacting MSU's [Office of Alumni Relations and Development](#) at 606-783-2033.





## Registration opens for college-going conference

Created: 5/27/2015 3:48:00 PM

Created By: Andrew Blanton



Registration is open for the 28th Annual Academically Proficient High School Junior and Senior Diversity Conference set June 19-20 at the University of Louisville.

The conference also is open to parents and guardians of the participating students.

Sponsored by Kentucky's Council on Postsecondary Education, the conference provides information and resources to assist underrepresented minorities, first generation, low-income and other diverse students interested in pursuing a college degree.

"The conference is beneficial to all, providing both students and families the opportunity to 'try the campus on,' as well as meet with various leaders and staff to determine which college is a good fit," said Dr. Rana Johnson, CPE's chief diversity officer.

Erica Williams, Jefferson County district judge, will serve as keynote speaker. A college fair, featuring many of Kentucky's colleges and universities, will follow the conference.

Registration for the free conference is open until June 15.

Students and their families who need housing at the University of Louisville will be charged \$6 per person. The housing deadline is June 5.

Additional information, including registration and housing, is available at [cpe.ky.gov/diversityconference](http://cpe.ky.gov/diversityconference).

---

## **MSPR will broadcast special programming during 50th anniversary celebration**

**Created: 5/27/2015 4:18:00 PM**

**Created By: Andrew Blanton**



**Morehead State Public Radio has announced a series of special programs to help celebrate WMKY's 50th anniversary.**

**During the month of June, MSPR has scheduled several vintage programs from their archives highlighting live music recorded in the region. The special programs will air from 7 p.m. until 10 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays, June 2 through 25.**

**"We're showcasing the region's rich musical heritage with a series of historic live performances, recorded and produced by WMKY through the years," said Paul Hitchcock, MSPR general manager. "We're very excited to offer these rare programs once again as we celebrate fifty years of WMKY's service to the region."**

**On June 15, 1965, WMKY debuted with a four hour broadcast day operating at 10 watts from the Combs Building. In 1970, WMKY increased to 50,000 watts and increased to a 12 hour broadcast day. In 1972, the station began operating in stereo. In 1999, the station moved to broadcasting 24 hours a day.**

**WMKY is the flagship station for Morehead State Public Radio, which broadcasts to more than twenty counties throughout eastern Kentucky through WMKY, a translator in Inez and online.**

**MSPR's studios are located in 132 Breckinridge Hall on the MSU campus.**

**More information is available by calling 606-783-2001 or online at [www.wmky.org](http://www.wmky.org).**

---

## KET will broadcast 'Commonwealth Curiosities'

Created: 5/28/2015 5:19:00 PM

Created By: Andrew Blanton



**“Commonwealth Curiosities: An Ode to Kentucky’s Unique Attractions,”** a documentary by Steven Middleton, Morehead State University instructor of mass communications, will begin to air on the [KET](#) family of networks starting in June.

The documentary, which focuses on the old American roadside attractions and curiosities here in Kentucky, will be profiled along with Middleton’s work with film here in Kentucky.

Commonwealth Curiosities brings to you a glimpse of Kentucky’s unique roadside attractions and the characters that are behind each distinctive place.

The film profiles The Northeast Kentucky Museum, The Kentucky Reptile Museum, Wild Things of Kentucky, The Great American Dollhouse Museum, Akeomon’s Barbershop, Vent Haven Ventriloquist Dummy Museum, Dinosaur World, Hillbilly Gardens and Toyland, the Wooldridge Monuments, and a special interview with Kentucky filmmaker, author, and musician J.D. Wilkes.

The documentary shot during the summer of 2014 was funded via the online crowdfunding site Kickstarter.

The film was produced along with [MSU’s Convergent Media](#) students John Tanner Blevins, Patrick Brumback, and faculty member John Flavell.

The hour long feature airs starting Sunday, June 7 at 1 p.m., and 7 p.m. on [KETKY](#).

Additional information is available by contacting Middleton at 606-783-9583.

## Kentucky's First Lady dedicates Governor's Garden

Created: 5/27/2015 3:58:00 PM

Created By: Andrew Blanton

 From left, Dr. Wayne Andrews, MSU president, First Lady Jane Beshear, Amy Lentz, horticulture supervisor, and Dr. Phil Prater, interim chair of agricultural sciences.

Kentucky's First Lady Jane Beshear joined Morehead State University President Wayne Andrews and honored guests to dedicate the state's newest Governor's Garden on the MSU campus. (View [photo gallery](#))

Beshear launched the Governor's Garden initiative in 2009 to encourage schools and other community organizations to cultivate their own gardens in an effort to educate Kentuckians about the health and economic benefits of community gardening and utilizing locally grown foods.

"Gardening is an exceptional way to learn about agriculture, healthy eating and the importance of environmental responsibility," said Beshear. "I'm so thrilled to have the first state university Governor's Garden at Morehead State University, and I hope the students and faculty will enjoy it for many years to come."

"We are honored to become the first Governor's Garden located on a college or university campus in the Commonwealth," said Dr. Andrews. "This program helps highlight some of the significant efforts of our outstanding Department of Agricultural Sciences as well as the fact that we are part of the Kentucky Proud Farm to Campus initiative."

The 1600 square foot garden is located adjacent to Reed Hall on MSU's campus, and utilizes a highly efficient form of drip irrigation. This year, several crops including corn, peppers, tomatoes, squash, zucchini, gourds, eggplant and beans will be planted and harvested. The majority of produce harvested will go to Gateway Helping Hands Food Bank in Morehead. Horticulture and agriculture science students, as well as MSU staff, will help plant, maintain and harvest the garden.

Currently, there are six Governor's Garden locations and numerous other garden sites across Kentucky that have been inspired by this initiative. All produce harvested from each official Governor's Garden site is donated to local soup kitchens and food pantries or prepared at on-site kitchens. Official locations include the Locust Trace AgriScience Farm in Lexington, the Capitol Education Center in Frankfort, the Center for Courageous Kids in Scottsville, the Kentucky Exposition Center in Louisville, the FFA Leadership Training Center in Hardinsburg and Morehead State University.

The Governor's Office of Agricultural Policy administers the Governor's Garden program with help from its partners: the Kentucky Finance and Administration Cabinet, Future Farmers of America (FFA) and local schools and colleges.

Additional information may be obtained by calling Amy Lentz, horticulture supervisor, at 606-783-8750.

## Super Summer Camp set for June 22-26

Created: 5/28/2015 6:37:00 PM

Created By: Andrew Blanton



Morehead State University's [Super Summer Gifted Camp](#) will be held June 22-26. The camp is in session from 9 a.m. until noon each day.

The camp is divided into elementary and middle school sessions, based on students' fall grade level. Campers who will be in grades 3 through 5 in the fall may register for the Elementary Grade sessions and campers who will be in grades 6 through 9 next year may register for the Middle Grade courses.

The cost of the camp is \$70.

Online registration and a description of camp sessions may be found at [www.moreheadstate.edu/supersummer](http://www.moreheadstate.edu/supersummer). Deadline is June 10.

Additional information is available by calling Dr. Kim Nettleton, camp director, at 859-624-0544, 606-207-0950, email at [k.nettleton@moreheadstate.edu](mailto:k.nettleton@moreheadstate.edu) or Dr. Lesia Lennex, assistant camp director, at 606-783-2879 or [l.lennex@moreheadstate.edu](mailto:l.lennex@moreheadstate.edu).

---

## Dr. Rex Chaney inducted into OVC Hall of Fame

Created: 5/28/2015 7:15:00 PM

Created By: Andrew Blanton



**Dr. Rex Chaney, who was associated with Morehead State University from 1953 until 2014, was inducted into the Ohio Valley Conference Hall of Fame Friday..**

**Dr. Chaney was joined in this year's class by former Eastern Kentucky President Dr. Doug Whitlock and former Jacksonville State Associate AD for Sports Medicine Jim Skidmore.**

**Chaney served as head men's golf coach at MSU from 1976-2014. He was tabbed as the OVC Coach of the Year after MSU captured league championships in 1977, 1981, 1993 and 1999.**

**In men's golf, Chaney coached 20 All-OVC selections, six All-OVC Tournament honorees, six conference-tournament runners-up, three league-tournament medalists and two OVC Players of the Year. The group includes current Professional Golf Association Tour member Josh Teater.**

**Chaney led the Eagles to a 111-56 (.665) record as head baseball coach from 1961-67. The OVC's 1963 Baseball Coach of the Year guided MSU to at least a share of the league's east division crown each year from 1961-64. He also served four seasons as an assistant men's basketball coach.**

**A native of Perry County, he was inducted into the Morehead State Athletic Hall of Fame in 2000. Dr. Chaney holds bachelor's and master's degrees from MSU, in addition to a doctorate from Indiana University.**

**He joined MSU's Health, Physical Education and Recreation faculty in 1961.**

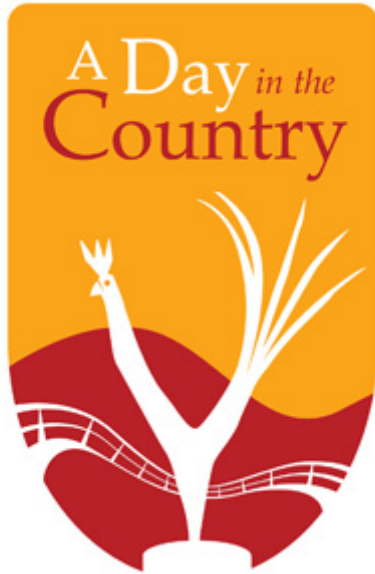
**The OVC Hall of Fame was organized in 1977. It was created to honor coaches, administrators, faculty and staff who have been associated with the league for at least five years and provided extensive and outstanding service to the conference.**



## **‘A Day in the Country 2015’ set for June 6**

**Created: 6/1/2015 7:54:00 AM**

**Created By: Andrew Blanton**



**Morehead State University’s Kentucky Folk Art Center invites everyone to “A Day in the Country 2014” Saturday, June 6, from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. at the Morehead Conference Center on First Street in Morehead.**

**The event brings more than 50 self-taught artists from more than 10 states together to display and offer their work for sale. Visitors to the show can expect to find wood carvings, stone carvings, paintings, and more.**

**“A Day in the Country continues to draw new artists as participants and new collectors from across the nation,” said Matt Collinsworth, KFAC director. “We’re committed to making the show as diverse and exciting as possible. While artists from East Kentucky are the backbone of the event, it’s interesting to include the work of people from other regions and cultural backgrounds. It makes for a dynamic mix of talent and personalities.”**

**“We’re very excited about this year’s event,” added Collinsworth. “A Day in the Country drew visitors from more than 20 states last year. Minnie Adkins had a vision when she began this event in her yard in Isonville. We hope that we’ve done right by her in growing it and promoting it. The event is gaining in prominence nationally, and it’s simply a unique opportunity in Kentucky.”**

**This year KFAC’s featured exhibition is “Come We to the Summer,” which presents dozens of summer-themed works by folk artists from around the country. A reception celebrating the exhibition will be held on Friday June 5, 5-7 p.m.**

**For more information call KFAC at 606-783-2204 or visit [www.kyfolkart.org](http://www.kyfolkart.org).**

**Kentucky Folk Art Center is a cultural, educational and economic development service of MSU. Admission is free. The center is open Monday-Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is free.**

